

REMARKS

I. Introduction

Claims 11 to 19 are pending in the present application. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for immediate allowance, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants note with appreciation the acknowledgment of the claim for foreign priority and the indication that all copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received from the International Bureau.

II. Priority Document

Regarding the priority document, the Office Action contends that a certified copy of the priority document has not been filed. However, both the "Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US), dated August 14, 2006, and the "Notice of Acceptance of Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.495," dated April 12, 2007, indicate that the Office has indeed received.

III. Double Patenting

Regarding the double patenting rejection, while this rejection is not necessarily agreed with and for the purposes of facilitating prosecution, a Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. Patent No. 7,162,920 is submitted herewith. Withdrawal of this rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

IV. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter included in claims 11 to 17.

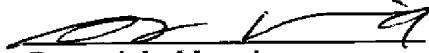
V. Conclusion

It is therefore respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. All issues raised by the Examiner having been addressed, an early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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